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ON PETITION

This is a decision regarding your request under 37 CFR 1.28. for acceptance of a fee deficiency submission filed May 9, 2011.

On September 1, 1998, the Court of Appeals for the Federal Circuit held that 37 CFR 1.28(c) is the sole provision governing the time for correction of the erroneous payment of the issue fee as a small entity. See DH Technology v. Synergystex International, Inc. 154 F.33d 1333, 47 USPQ2d 1865 (Fed. Cir. Sept. 1, 1998).

The Office no longer investigates or rejects original or reissue applications under 37 CFR 1.56. 1098 Off. Gaz. Pat. Office 502 (January 3, 1989). Therefore nothing in this Notice is intended to imply that an investigation was done.

Petitioner is advised that there is no fee for the request under 37 CFR 1.28. Your fee deficiency submission in the amount of \$845, under 37 CFR 1.28, is hereby accepted and the petition is **GRANTED**.

Inquiries related to this communication should be directed to the Office of Petitions Staff

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